# Utah Science, Technology and Research (USTAR) Initiative

PTAC Conference



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### What we will cover

- USTAR Why
- USTAR What it is
- USTAR Where it is going
- Startups and Entrepreneurs

What we won't cover: how to get government contracts



# Complementing Other State Initiatives

Centers of Excellence

grants for university research commercialization

Fund of Funds

enhanced availability of financing

Clusters

focus for economic development

**Incentives** 

Recruit new companies with high paying jobs

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### Utah is a vibrant State

### Very Entrepreneurial:

- 3 nexus cities in the top 10 of 394 metro areas
- #1 in economic dynamism (Kauffman)

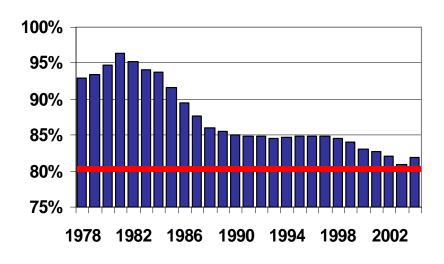
### History of Innovation:

- Novell, WordPerfect, Iomega
- First Artificial heart, Hearing Aid, Synthetic Diamond

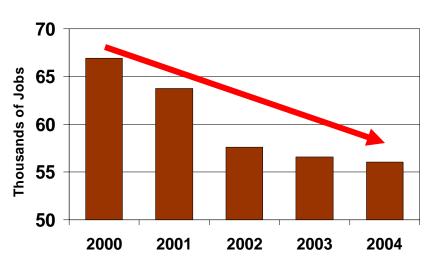
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## **Utah has Economic Cycles**

## Average Utah Salaries as a Percent of U.S. Average



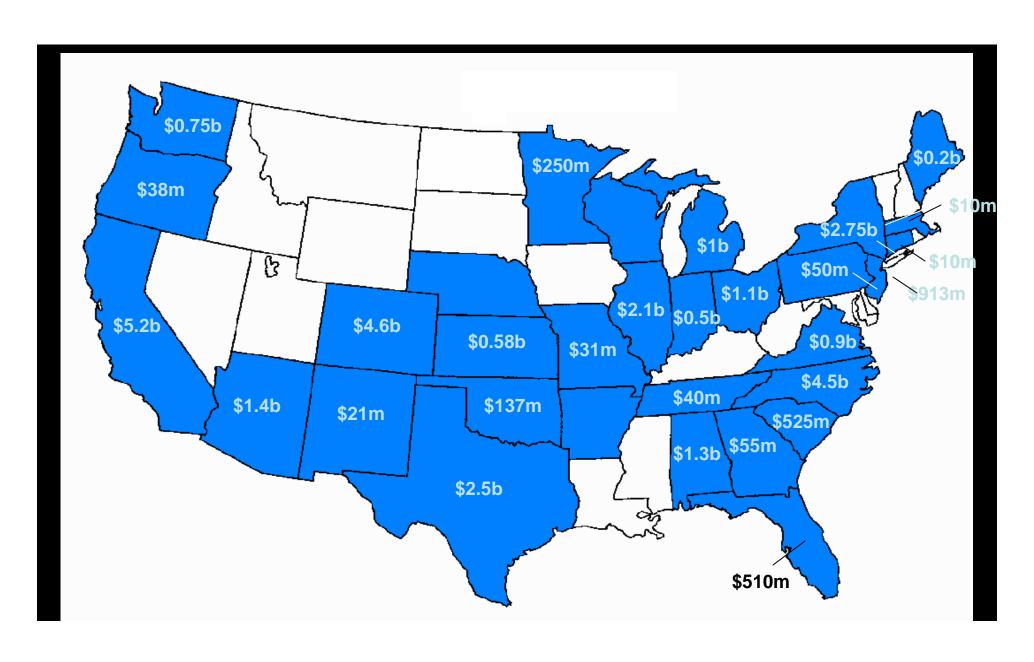
#### Utah's Technology Employment



\* Source: Oct 2005 Economic Prospectus



### High-Tech University Research Funding Initiatives

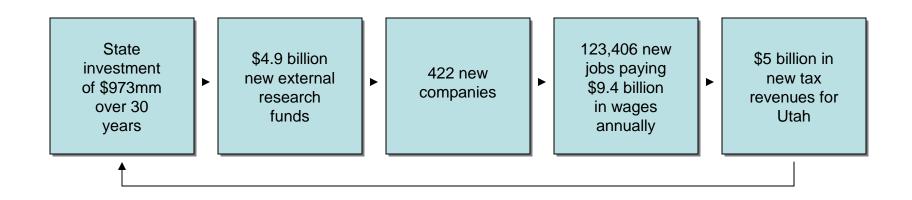


# Utah Science Technology and Research (USTAR) Initiative

A bold and far-reaching initiative supported by Utah industry and business leaders, and sponsored by the State legislature, that aims to ensure that Utah remains a leader in the Knowledge Economy!



# The Goal: Oct05 Economic Prospectus



\* Source: Oct 2005 Economic Prospectus



# **USTAR Organization Chart**

USTAR Advisory Council USTAR Governing Authority
Executive Director

**USTAR Governing Authority Board** 

USTAR Research Team Funding

USTAR Building Construction

**Tech Outreach Program** 

**Tech Outreach Director** 

**TOC = Tech Outreach Centers** 

- Entrepreneurial assistance
- Research interaction with Utah companies
- Research collaboration between higher ed. faculty

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No. Salt Central
Utah Lake Utah

TOC South. Utah

TOC East. Utah



## **USTAR Governing Authority Board**

An experienced and committed team with diverse experience in inventorship, entrepreneurship, financial capital, university research and running and growing companies:

- Dinesh Patel, Ph.D., Managing Director, VSpring Capital (Chairman)
- Scott Anderson, CEO of Zions Bank (Vice Chairman)
- Ed Alter, Utah State Treasurer's Office
- Jim Dreyfous, Managing Director, UV Partners
- Hunter Jackson, Ph.D., former CEO of NPS Pharmaceuticals and currently Executive Director, Technology Venture Development
- **Dan Olsen**, Ph.D., Brigham Young University
- Cathy A. Petti, M.D., ARUP
- Charles J. Precourt, VP of Business Development, ATK
- Jack Sunderlage, CEO, Content Watch



### **USTAR Elements**

\$19 Million Ongoing Appropriated to USTAR Governing Authority; \$200 Million over 4 years to build world-class interdisciplinary research and innovation centers

USTAR Research Team Funding

USTAR Building Construction

**Tech Outreach Program** 

- To attract and retain world class faculty at Utah's tier 1 research universities
- Focus on the strongest innovation focus areas associated with each university and relevant to Utah economy
- •Bio Innovations Institute at Utah State University
- Neuroscience and Biomedical Technology Research at the University of Utah
- Entrepreneurial assistance
- Research interaction with Utah companies
- Research collaboration between higher ed.
   Faculty
- Interns to assist business analysts and program directors



## **USTAR Program Elements**

#### Innovation teams

focused on research with high commercial potential

#### Technology outreach program

to help realize the economic opportunity through public/private partnerships

World class research facilities at USU and UofU

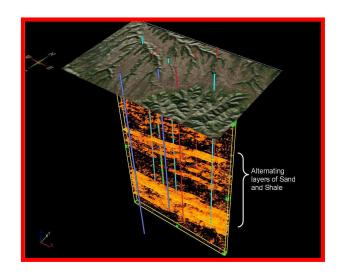


## **Brief Video**



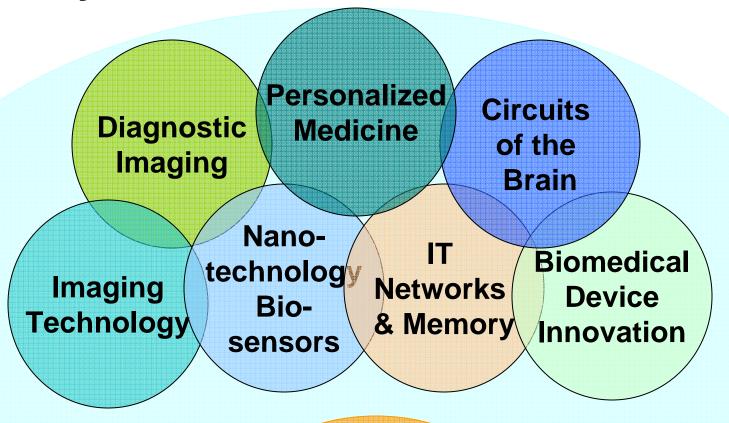
# For each of the innovation focus areas...

- Existing University strengths
- Potential economic impact
- Commercial opportunities
- -Team goals
- Proposed hiring areas





### **University of Utah Innovation Focus Areas**



Fossil Energy



USTAR Energy Cluster at the U. of Utah

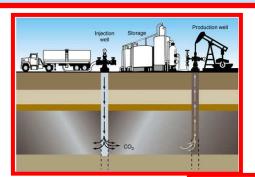
- UU Strengths
  - ICES
    - Coal development and environmental controls
    - Combustion
    - Simulation
  - EGI
    - Reservoir Characterization
    - Geothermal

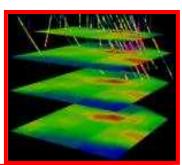
#### **Target Hiring Areas**

- 1. CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration & EOR
- 2. Chemical characterization & synthetic fuels
- 3. Oil shale / oil sands production
- 4. Resource recovery & utilization

#### **Team Focus:**

- Utah oil-shale deposits
- 'Stranded oil' in existing fields
- Clean utilization alternatives for Utah Coal
- Conversion of Utah resources to advanced synthetic fuels & chemicals







## USTAR Energy Cluster at the U. of Utah

#### Commercial Opportunities

- Unlock over 2.0 trillion barrels trapped in oil-shale deposits in the Green River formation of Utah, Colorado, and Wyoming
- Recover "stranded oil" by development of Utah technology services and infrastructure for CO<sub>2</sub> enhanced oil recovery
- Develop improved catalysts to convert recovered hydrocarbons (shale oil, coal, low spec coals) to advanced synthetic fuels and chemicals



#### **Potential Economic Impact:**

- A 100,000 barrel per day oil-shale facility ⇒ \$50 million per year\*
- 740 million barrels of additional oil recovery by CO2 EOR ⇒ \$1
   Billion\* in state severance taxes

\* Assumes \$50 per barrel



# Utah State University Innovation Focus Areas

- Center for Advanced Nutrition
- BioFuels
- Center for Active Sensing and Imaging (CASI)



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World class research and innovation

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## Science as Inspiration





# Background: Technology Outreach Program Objectives (from Senate Bill 75)

#### ....act as a resource to:

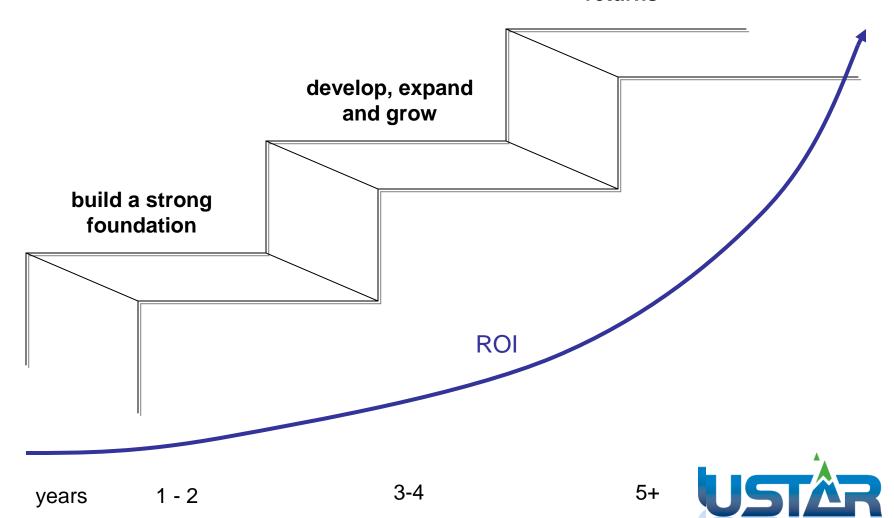
- broker ideas, new technologies, and services to entrepreneurs and businesses throughout a defined service area;
- engage local entrepreneurs and professors at applied technology centers, colleges, and universities by connecting them to Utah's research universities;
- screen business ideas and new technologies to ensure that the ones with the highest growth potential receive the most targeted services and attention;
- connect market ideas and technologies in new or existing businesses or industries or in regional colleges and universities with the expertise of Utah's research universities;
- assist businesses, applied technology centers, colleges and universities in developing commercial applications for their research, and;
- disseminate and share discoveries and technologies emanating from Utah's research universities to local entrepreneurs, businesses, applied technology centers, colleges, and universities

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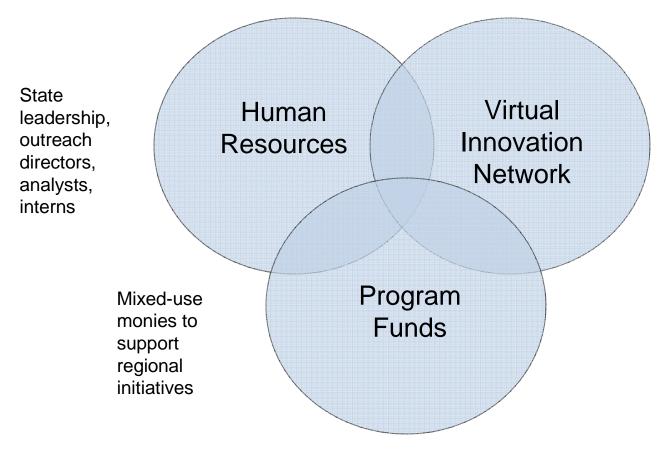
# **USTAR Strategic Phases**

### accelerate the returns

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# Technology Outreach and Innovation Program (TOIP) Overview



IT infrastructure to enable collaboration between inventors, entrepreneurs, investors, researchers



## **USTAR Human Resource Principles**

A diverse team of business leaders with experience in Entrepreneurship, inventorship and starting, running and growing companies:

#### Successful startups and high growth companies have:

- Strong Team: Human Capital Strategy
- Solid Strategic Plan
- Sufficient Financial Capital to meet milestones and plan for growth
- Operational Systems that support expansion

## Utah companies come in all shapes and sizes but 4 overriding technologies drive a lot of growth:

- Bio Tech: medical device
- Advanced Materials: aerospace, outdoor products
- Energy: Coal, Gas, Oil, Unconventionals



### **USTAR Director Team**



## <u>Stan Kanarowski- Technology Outreach and Innovation Program Director:</u>

**Education:** Masters Stanford Business School (Sloan Fellow); Master of Electrical Engineering, BSEE, University of Wyoming

Work Experience: Venture Capital (Costella Kirsch), CEO, Co-founder &

President, iDEAL; CEO, founder & President, Blitz Computer



#### William Pratt-Technology Outreach Director for Southern Utah:

**Education:** Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering, BYU; Masters of Engineering Management, BYU

**Work Experience:** CEO, Chief Scientist of Patterned Fiber Composites, Inc.; Engineering and Program Management Consultant, DARPA; Manufacturing Engineer, Thiokol; Officer, US Army



# USTAR Director Team - Continued



#### **Curt Roberts- Weber State University:**

**Education:** MBA, Harvard Business School; BA, Economics, Weber State University

**Work Experience:** Senior Engagement Manager, McKinsey & Company; Chairman & CEO, Peace Health; VP of Global Strategy, VP & GM of Vision, Timing, and Tech Ventures. Nike



#### **Steven Roy- Technology Outreach Director for Utah County:**

**Education:** Master of Organization Behavior, BYU; BS in Psychology, BYU **Work Experience:** Senior Manager, Sun Microsystems; Senior Manager Business Development and Strategic Planning, iPlanet; Organizational Readiness Manager, Sun Microsystems



# USTAR Director Team - Continued



## Suzanne Winters- Technology Outreach for Salt Lake County:

**Education:** Ph.D in Pharmaceutics, University of Utah; BA in Chemistry, Ohio Wesleyan University

**Significant Experience:** Research & product development with large & small companies; Commercialization, license negotiation; SBIR/STTR/RO1 grant applications, Venture Capital Acquisition



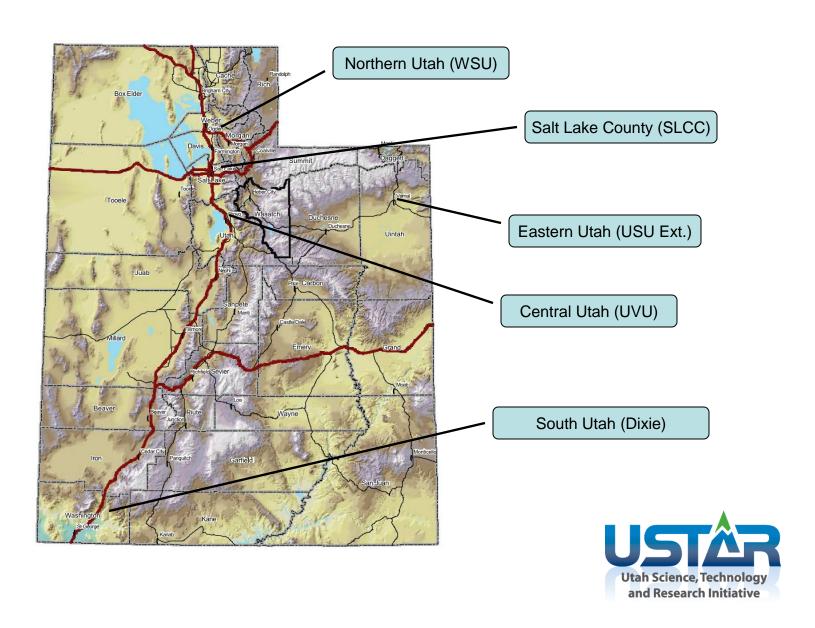
#### **Alan Walker - Technology Outreach for Eastern Utah:**

**Education:** MBA in Production Management, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; BS in Applied Science and Engineering, US Military Academy

**Work Experience:** Prior Director of Gas Supply for Questar. Over 25 years of experience in energy industry management. Served in US Army for 30 years as a Special Forces Officer and retired as a colonel.

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## **Technology Outreach Center Locations**



# Millard Grand Wayne

#### 1.0 Regional Overview (Utah, Wasatch & Summit Counties)

#### 1.1 Characteristics

The Central Utah Region consists of Utah, Wasatch and Summit counties. The majority of key industries and educational institutions are located in Utah county.

#### 1.3 Resources

#### **Networking Organizations:**

- 1. UVEF
- 2. Corporate Alliance
- 3. UTC
- 4. Junto
- 5. Chamber Events

#### 6. ?

#### Incubators:

- 1. OSTC
- 2. Provo Labs Academy
- 3. ?

#### Resource Organizations:

- USTAR 1.
- 2. MEP
- PTAC 3.
- 4. Custom Fit
- 5. SCORE
- 6. Utah SBDC
- 7. BDC of Provo
- 8. CEDO
- Wasatch Economic Development
- 10. ?

### Entrepreneurs &

#### Capital/Investors:

- 1. Utah Fund of Funds
- 2. City of Provo Fund
- 3. Canopy
- 4. Wastach Ventures
- 5. vSpring
- 6. UVPartners
- 7. Grow Utah Ventures
- 8. Mountain West Capital Network
- 9. FundingUniverse.com
- 10.Utah Angels
- 11.Park City Angels

12.?

#### **High Tech Business**

#### Chambers:

- 1. American Fork
- 2. Heber Valley
- 3. Park City
- 4. Provo/Orem
- 5. Richfield
- 6. Spanish Fork
- 7. ?

#### Education:







#### Functional Specialists:

- 1. Bankers
- 2. Accountants
- 3. Attorneys
- 4. Staffing Agencies
- 5. IT Service Providers
- 6. Real Estate Agents
- 7. ?

#### 1.2 Key Industries/Needs:

#### Industries

- Software/Internet Development
- IT Services
- Neutroceuticals
- Synthetic Diamonds
- Genealogy
- Language Learning/Translation
- Robotics

#### Needs

- Lack of an Entrepreneurial "Script" (Process)
- Lack of Accessibility/ Visibility to Resources
- Poor Resource Collaboration
- Incomplete Funding Ecosystem
- Lack of Experienced **Human Capital**
- Lack of Incubators
- Lack of Prototyping Assistance
- Lack of cost effective Patent Assistance



## Informational Web Site



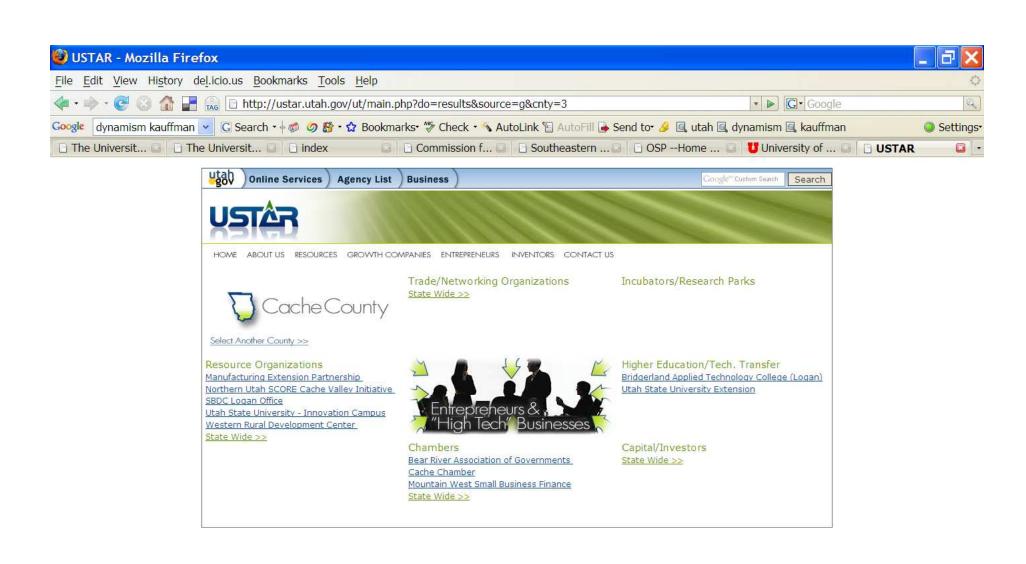
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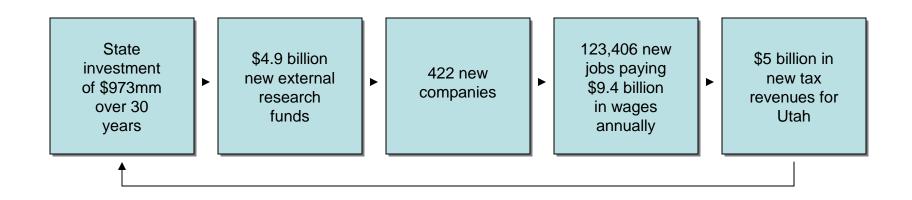
Utah Science Technology and Research Initiative (USTAR): Catalyzing technology development through innovative research at state-of-the-art research facilities and world class science, innovation, and commercialization teams

Utah has always been at the forefront of scientific discovery and innovation. From Philo T. Farnsworth's invention of the television, to mapping the human genome, Utah's research universities continue to play a pivotal role in technology innovation and commercialization. Building on this heritage of innovation, the Utah State Legislature, with the strong endorsement of Utah's business community, passed an innovative, visionary and far-reaching bill, the Utah Science Technology and Research initiative (USTAR), to bolster Utah's high technology economy.

The mission of USTAR is to promote and encourage local commercialization of discoveries and technologies emanating from the state's public research unversities to regional applied technology centers, colleges, businesses, and entrepreneurs. This website serves as a resource compilation for growth companies, entrepreneurs, and inventors alike as well as an informational hotspot for breaking news on



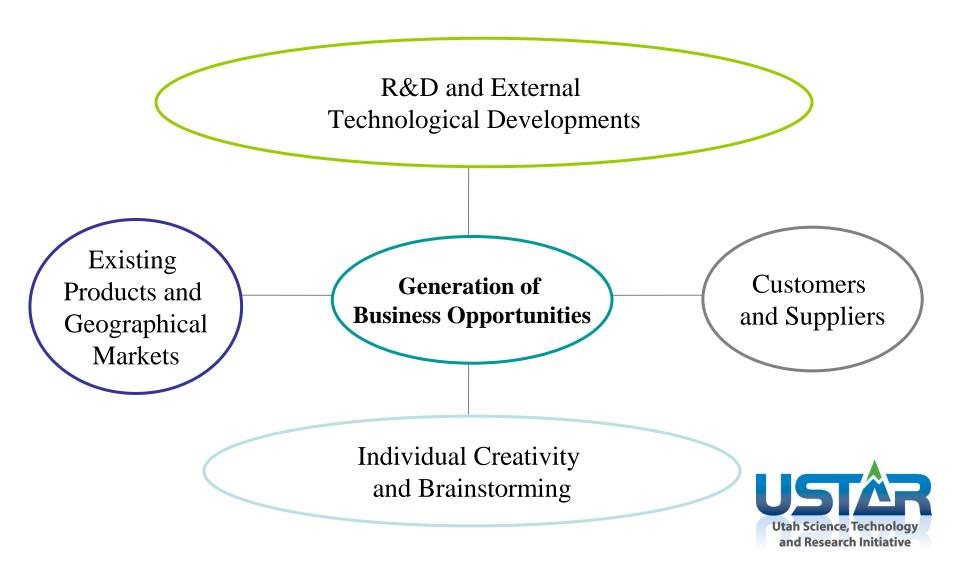
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# Sources of Innovation/New Business Ideas



## Best Qualities of Successful Entrepreneurs

- 1) Making a Difference
- 2) Passion to make things happen
- 3) Unjustifiable optimism
- 4) Tolerance for uncertainty
- 5) Genuine concern for other people

Jerry Kaplan - Startup



## Do what you enjoy!



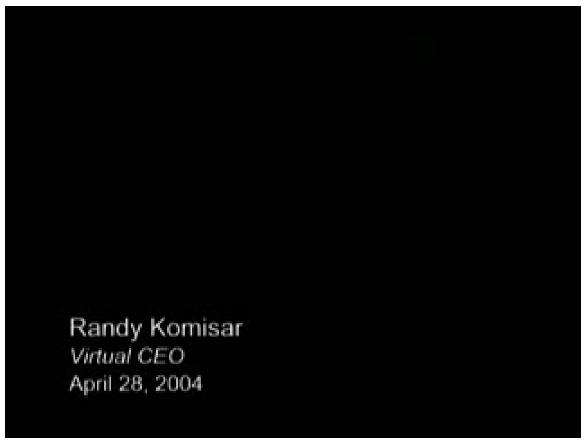


### Globalization

- Your companies need to compete with the rest of the world
- We have a competitive advantage versus many other states
- Don't forget about education



## Globalization





# A few additional thoughts about Startups

- Boot strapping
- Greed
- The team
- Knowing yourself
- It is not easy but it is really rewarding



### **Thank You!**

### Questions?



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